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Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Articles 2, 3 and 4 of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 31/192 of 22 December 1976, provide as follows:

Article 2

1. The Unit shall consist of not more than eleven Inspectors, chosen from among members of national supervision or inspection bodies, or from among persons of a similar competence on the basis of their special experience in national or international administrative and financial matters, including management questions. The Inspectors shall serve in their personal capacity.

2. No two Inspectors shall be nationals of the same State.

Article 3

1. Starting from the thirty-second session of the General Assembly, in 1977, the President of the General Assembly shall consult with Member States to draw up, with due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution and of reasonable rotation, a list of countries which would be requested to propose candidates who meet the qualifications mentioned in article 2, paragraph 1, above.

2. The President of the General Assembly, through appropriate consultations, including consultations with the President of the Economic and Social Council and with the Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination [now the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination], shall review the qualifications of the proposed candidates. After further consultations, if necessary, with the States concerned, the President of the General Assembly shall submit the list of candidates to the Assembly for appointment.

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Article 4

1. The duration of the appointments of the Inspectors shall be five years, renewable for one further term (...).

2. An Inspector appointed to replace one whose term of office has not expired shall hold office for the remainder of that term, provided it is not less than three years. Otherwise the duration of the appointment shall be for a full term.

3. An Inspector may resign on giving six months' notice to the Chairman of the Unit.

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5. The Chairman of the Unit shall notify the Secretary-General of any vacancy for the necessary administrative action. Such notification shall make the post vacant.

2. On 5 September 2011, Inspector Enrique Román-Morey (Peru) submitted his resignation, effective 31 October 2011, to the Chair of the Joint Inspection Unit. Inspector Román-Morey was appointed by the General Assembly on 9 October 2007 for a five-year term of office, beginning on 1 January 2008 and expiring on 31 December 2012. In accordance with article 4, paragraph 5, of the statute, the Chair notified the Secretary-General on 6 September 2011 of the vacancy and of his decision to waive the requirement of six months' notice stipulated in article 4, paragraph 3, of the statute. It will therefore be necessary for the Assembly, at its sixty-sixth session, to appoint one person to fill the resulting vacancy. In accordance with article 4, paragraph 2, of the statute, the person so appointed will serve for a full term. In order for consultations to be held, as stipulated in article 3, and to align the term of office with that of the other Inspectors, the Assembly may wish to consider filling the vacancy for a term of office beginning on 1 January 2012 and expiring on 31 December 2016.

3. By its decision 64/425, the General Assembly appointed five members to the Joint Inspection Unit for a term of office beginning on 1 January 2011 and expiring on 31 December 2015. As at 1 January 2011, the Joint Inspection Unit was composed of the following members:

Mr. Gérard Biraud (France)***
Mr. Nikolay V. Chulkov (Russian Federation)*
Mr. Papa Louis Fall (Senegal)***
Mr. Even Francisco Fontaine Ortiz (Cuba)*
Mr. Tadanori Inomata (Japan)**
Mr. István Posta (Hungary)***
Mr. Enrique Román-Morey (Peru)*
Mr. Cihan Terzi (Turkey)***
Ms. M. Deborah Wynes (United States of America)*
Mr. Yishan Zhang (China)*
Mr. Mohamed Mounir Zahran (Egypt)*

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2012.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 2014.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2015.

4. By its resolution 61/238, the General Assembly decided that, beginning on 1 January 2008, the President of the General Assembly, when drawing up a list of countries that would be requested to propose candidates, in accordance with article 3, paragraph 1, of the statute of the Unit, would invite Member States to submit the names of the countries and their respective candidates simultaneously, on the understanding that the candidates submitted were the candidates that the respective Member States intended to propose, to the extent possible, for appointment by the General Assembly, in accordance with article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute.

5. Additionally, in its resolution 59/267, the General Assembly stressed the importance of ensuring that candidates had experience in at least one of the following fields: oversight, audit, inspection, investigation, evaluation, finance, project evaluation, programme evaluation, human resources management, management, public administration, monitoring and/or programme performance, as well as knowledge of the United Nations system and its role in international relations.

6. After holding the consultations described in article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute, including consultations with the President of the Economic and Social Council and with the Secretary-General in his capacity as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, the President of the General Assembly will submit the name of the candidate to the Assembly for appointment.